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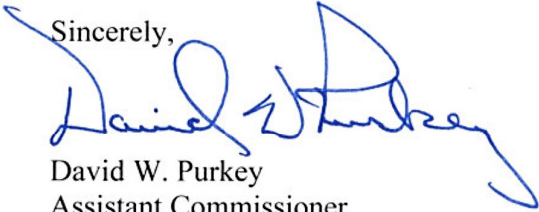
The primary mission of the Tennessee Office of Homeland Security is to prevent acts of terrorism and protect Tennesseans and the State's critical infrastructure from attack. We accomplish this mission by providing the resources, knowledge, and skills needed for law enforcement and public safety agencies, private sector partners, and the citizens of Tennessee to understand the risks presented by both international and domestic terrorists.

The Tennessee Office of Homeland Security is dedicated to providing specialized training needed to tackle the evolving threats facing our state and nation every day. We offer a variety of terrorism related training programs from introductory to advanced levels. Our course catalog provides specific information concerning the certified training programs currently available. Depending on the particular needs of your organization, it may be possible to customize a program to accommodate your target audience.

If your organization is interested in hosting a workshop\*, or you would like more information about our programs, please contact the Tennessee Office of Homeland Security Training Coordinator, Brice Allen at: [brice.allen@tn.gov](mailto:brice.allen@tn.gov) or (615) 741-8897 to discuss possible training opportunities.

Thank you for your interest and support of Tennessee Homeland Security.

Sincerely,

  
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\* Minimum class size / attendee numbers may apply. Please contact the Tennessee Office of Homeland Security training coordinator for more information.



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## LAW ENFORCEMENT / PUBLIC SERVICE CLASSES

### Introduction to Terrorism

Terrorism can range from complex plots to small scale attacks and can take many forms. Often, the terrorist goal is to create an atmosphere of fear – in an effort to convince a population that their government is powerless to protect them.

This **2 hour** presentation serves as an introduction to terrorism as a global phenomenon and is designed to provide a general understanding of terrorism, terrorist activities, and methodologies. The presentation will discuss the theories and motivations that underlie international and domestic terrorism, as well as, terrorist tactics and related issues. ***This course is Peace Officer's Standards and Training (POST) approved.***

### An Overview of Domestic Extremism (Law Enforcement only)

International terrorism is still on the top of the threat-pyramid while a chain of recent events and new research indicates that the threat from far right and far left extremist movements is increasing.

This **2 hour** presentation examines the fundamental beliefs of domestic extremism ideologies by providing an overview of the Tennessee's significant extremist movements, as well as information on the threat of lone offenders and the challenges of domestic terrorism information gathering. ***This course is Peace Officer's Standards and Training (POST) approved.***



### **The Sovereign Citizen Movement (Law Enforcement only)**

The Sovereign Citizen movement generally rejects the authority of the United States Government and although they know the government exists; Sovereign Citizens believe that they have found obscure legal ways to be immune from its various laws. While most Sovereign Citizens are nonviolent, there have been violent encounters with persons linked to this movement, including the murder of two police officers in West Memphis, Arkansas in 2010 and the ambushing and killing of two Sheriff's Deputies and the wounding of two others in Louisiana in 2012.

This **2 hour** presentation will provide vital information about this growing challenge by discussing the most common theories and practices of the Sovereign Citizen; as well as the movement's ever changing tactics and techniques, ways to better identify and recognize the Sovereign Citizen, and what to do when encountering a Sovereign Citizen. ***This course is Peace Officer's Standards and Training (POST) approved.***

### **Tennessee Fusion Center's Consolidated Records Management System (CRMS) (Law Enforcement only)**

Criminal activity knows no jurisdictional boundaries and often times offenders operate in multiple municipalities. But with limited time, resources, and budgetary restraints, information sharing can be a challenge for law enforcement. The Tennessee Fusion Center's Consolidated Records Management System (CRMS) is a comprehensive database, available to Tennessee law enforcement, which can provide crucial information and aid in the criminal investigation process by making available access to statewide law enforcement department records.

This course is available in either a **2 or 4 hour** block and provides a look of the Tennessee Fusion Center's Consolidated Records Management System (CRMS) and how statewide law enforcement officers and investigators can benefit from this comprehensive tool. ***This course is Peace Officer's Standards and Training (POST) approved.***



## **Domestic Extremism with an Emphasis on the Sovereign Citizen Movement** **(Law Enforcement only)**

The threat of international terrorism has dominated America's concerns. Yet, while the threat posed by violent Islamic extremism is significant, violent domestic extremism has been responsible for coordinating more than two-dozen incidents since September 11<sup>th</sup> 2001, and it could be argued that acts of domestic terrorism have been occurring long before any legal distinction was set forth.

This **4 hour** presentation examines the fundamental beliefs of Tennessee's most prevalent domestic extremism ideologies by providing an in-depth look at the state's significant extremist movements, with particular emphasis on what has become probably the fastest growing ideology nationwide - the Sovereign Citizen. As well, this presentation provides information on radicalization, the threat of lone offenders, important extremist terms and concepts, and the challenges of domestic terrorism information gathering. ***This course is Peace Officer's Standards and Training (POST) approved.***

### **The Sovereign Citizen Movement - Interactions in Court**

Encounters with Sovereign Citizens are not limited to the law enforcement officer on the street. Everyday an increasing number of officials in the both civil and criminal court systems are dealing with self-proclaimed Sovereign Citizens. As the Sovereign Citizen movement generally rejects the authority of the United States Government, by extension they often reject the court system as well, creating the potential for conflict.

This **approximately 1 hour** presentation will provide vital information about this growing challenge by discussing the most common theories and practices of the Sovereign Citizen; as well as the movement's ever changing tactics and techniques, ways to better identify and recognize the Sovereign Citizen, and what to do when encountering a Sovereign Citizen - specific to court officers and officials.



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**Tennessee Office of Homeland Security Liaison Officer (TLO/HSLO)**

*"Whether a plan for a terrorist attack is homegrown or originates overseas, important knowledge that may forewarn of a future attack may be derived from information gathered by State, local, and tribal government personnel in the course of routine law enforcement and other activities."*

*—National Strategy for Information Sharing, October 2007*

Terrorism and Homeland Security Liaison Officers serve as the conduit through which homeland security and crime-related information flows from the field to the Fusion Center for assessment and analysis as it has become evident that one of the best ways to mitigate criminal and terrorist activity is to prevent it.

This **8 hour** basic Liaison Officer program fosters communication and collaboration amongst public safety, law enforcement, and homeland security stakeholders and provides the knowledge and resources to better understand the responsibilities of a Liaison Officer. It is designed to train law enforcement and public safety in the flow of information by creating a seamless partnership in the reporting of suspicious behavior that may have a nexus to criminal activity and terrorism; as well as, increase the participant's knowledge of information versus intelligence and their awareness of civil rights and civil liberties issues in regards to information collection and information sharing ***This course is Peace Officer's Standards and Training (POST) approved.***





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## GENERAL PUBLIC / CITIZEN CLASSES

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### **The Sovereign Citizen Movement**

The Sovereign Citizen movement generally rejects the authority of the United States Government and although they know the government exists; Sovereign Citizens believe that they have found obscure legal ways to be immune from its various laws.

This **1 ½ hour** presentation will provide vital information about this growing movement by discussing the most common theories and practices of the Sovereign Citizen.



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### **Sudden Violence – Surviving an Active Shooter**

Throughout the United States, acts of sudden and unexpected violence in schools, shopping malls, office buildings, and other public locations have been on the rise. Events like the shootings in Virginia, Colorado, Oregon, and Connecticut raise awareness of this continuing national problem.

This **1 hour** presentation - intended for businesses, schools, and other private entities - will provide vital information about mitigating the threat posed by individuals who carry out acts of violence, along with information that addresses intervention, clarifies the role of those involved, and how to effectively respond to the problem. ***This course is Peace Officer's Standards and Training (POST) approved.***

### **Bomb Incident and Suspicious Package Management**

Bomb and suspicious package threats persist as one of the most common threat related problems encountered by any organization.

This **1 hour** program - intended for private businesses and other entities - is designed to provide options for an organization faced with a bomb incident and/or a suspicious package at their facility. The program will cover reasons for bomb threats, credibility of the threat, search techniques, evacuations, and threat management choices.